

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

*Sixty-fifth Annual Session*

OF THE

**Cahaba Baptist Association,**

HELD WITH

PROVIDENCE CHURCH,

DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.,

*On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 13th, 14th  
and 15th, 1882.*

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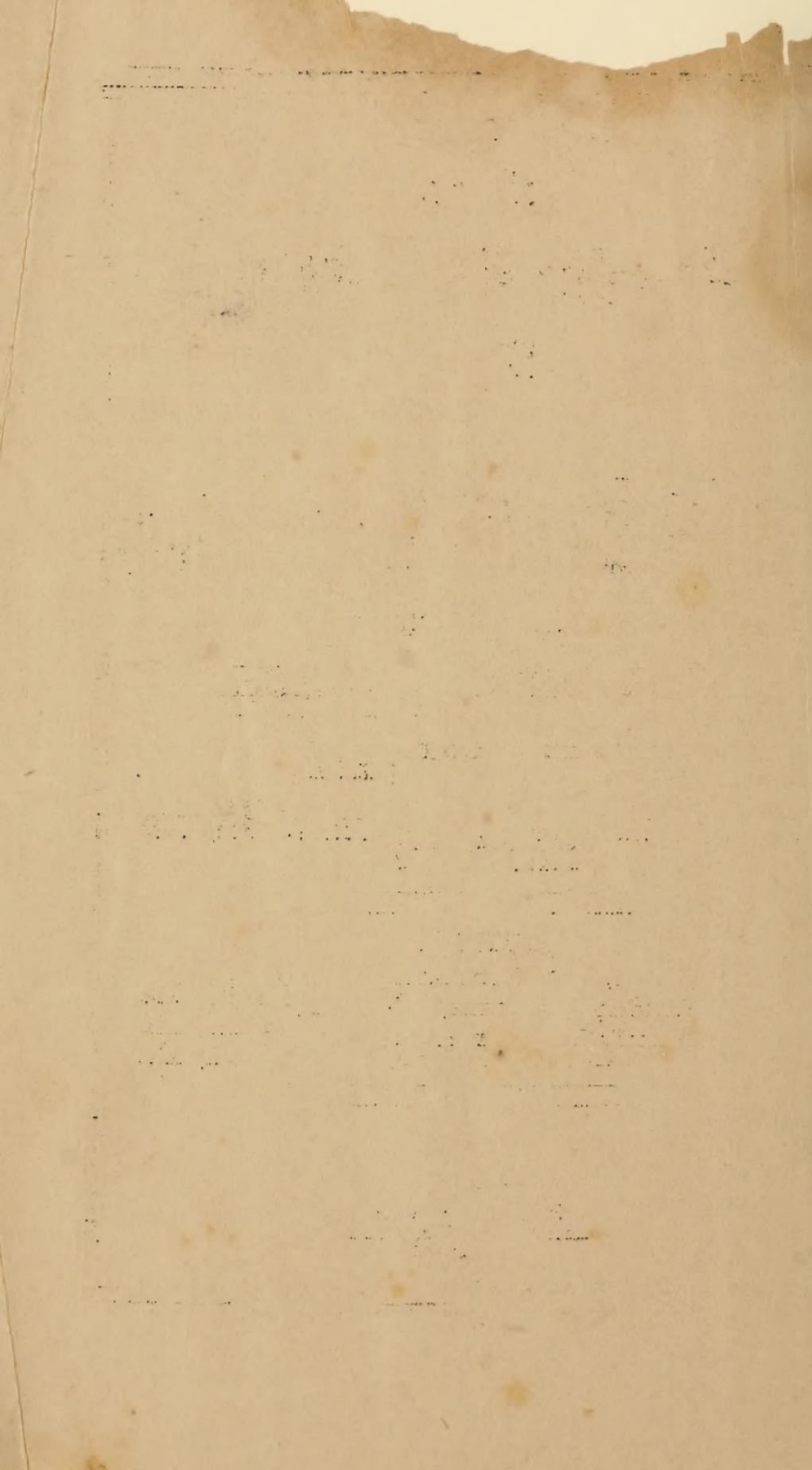
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B. F. ELLIS,	MODERATOR,	Orrville Ala.
J. P. HARRIS,	CLERK,	Harrisburg, Ala.
W. R. MARTIN,	TREASURER,	Marion,

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## MINUTES.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH,  
Dallas County, Ala., October 13, 1882. }

The Cahaba Baptist Association convened in her sixty-fifth annual session, with Providence church, on Friday, 11 o'clock, A. M., before the third Sabbath in October, 1882.

In the absence of the regular appointee, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S. M. Adams, from the tenth chapter and last two verses. (Book not given in m.s.—Pr.)

After a recess and dinner, the Association was, on motion of Bro. Crumpton, called to order by electing Bro. B. F. Ellis, temporary Moderator and Bro. J. P. Harris, temporary Clerk.

The letters of the churches were read by Brethren G. S. Anderson and E. F. Baber, and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch, —

Bethel—J. P. Harris.

Bethlehem, —

Concord—J. M. Watters, H. Kendrick.

Ephesus —

Fellowship—E. S. Gray, J. T. Curb, Jasper Horn, George P. Cause.

Friendship—S. M. Adams.

Harmony, —

Hepsibah—W. J. Goodwyn, H. F. Hagood.

Hopewell—D. S. Hogue, Joseph Evans, W. Tubb.

Macon, —

Macedonia, —

Mars Hill—W. R. Martin, Thomas Lester.

Medline—R. M. Reid, G. W. Harrison.

Mt. Pleasant, —

Mt. Gilead—Rev. A. M. Perry.

Mt. Zion, —

Mt. Hebron, —

New Hope, —

Newberne—Rev. G. S. Anderson.

Oak Grove—E. S. White, J. A. McCreary, W. P. McCollum.

Ocmulgee—W. H. Lumley.

Pleasant Hill—T. J. Grimes, Robert Caley.

Pisgah, —

Providence—Rev. W. B. Crumpton, B. F. Ellis, B. F. Moseley,  
William Day.

Selma, —

Sardis, —

Siloam—J. T. Murfee, Porter King.

Uniontown, —

Pine Flat—Rev. P. C. Drew, E. P. George.

Union—H. T. Stringfellow, T. J. Kinard.

On motion of Bro. Crumpton, the regular order of business was suspended.

On motion, Bro. G. S. Anderson was received as representative of Foreign Missions; Bro. E. F. Baber was received as Corresponding Messenger from the Alabama Association.

*Resolved*, That any member of this Association present at the meeting of sister Associations, be authorized to act as corresponding messenger from us.

On motion of Bro. P. C. Drew, the Chair was requested to fill vacancies caused by the absence of members of standing committees, and the following brethren were appointed:

On Letters and Documents—Eld. S. M. Adams, Wm. Day, and F. H. Hagood.

Finance—D. S. Hogue, L. Johnson, J. T. Curb.

Religious Condition of Churches—Rev. P. C. Drew, W. R. Martin, and J. P. Harris.

Sunday School—Rev. G. S. Anderson, E. S. White.

Education—J. T. Murfee.

Missions—W. B. Crumpton, A. M. Perry, Joseph Evans.

Temperance—Rev. P. C. Drew, E. S. White, Wm. Lumley.

On motion of Rev. W. B. Crumpton, *Resolved*, That when this Association adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1883. After having been discussed by brothers G. S. Anderson, W. B. Crumpton, and E. F. Baber; the resolution was laid on the table to be taken up on next day.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9½ o'clock, to-morrow.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, conducted by brother A. M. Perry, On motion, the temporary officers were elected permanent of-

ficers of the Association, viz: Bro. B. Ellis, Moderator, and Bro. J. P. Harris, Clerk, and Eld. E. F. Baber was requested to assist the Clerk, W. R. Martin, Treasurer.

On Motion, Bro. J. T. Murfee was recognized as representative of Howard College, and Bro. Porter King as representative of the Judson Female Institute, at Marion, Ala. Bro. King spoke in behalf of the Judson.

On motion, ordered that the report on Sabbath Schools be discussed to-morrow (Sabbath) morning, at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the resolution in regard to the change of the time of meeting of the Cahaba Association, from Friday to Tuesday, was taken from the table, and, after a warm discussion in which several of the brethren participated, it was adopted.

On motion the Report on Temperance was adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In the opinion of your committee there is no subject of more vital importance to our people than the subject of Temperance; and no evil which affects the industrial, social and religious interests of our country, more than intemperance. To write the momensity of the evil, or to estimate its pernicious influences, is impossible. Eternity alone will portray the number of blighted fortunes, distracted minds, occasioned by the evil of intemperance. For ages alcohol has profusely flowed to the lips and senses of our people, authorized and sanctioned by our civil government, and unarrested by the church, notwithstanding the potent influence with which God has invested them. But in this day of progress, we are happy to note that reform has already begun, and that a better day is dawning upon us. Through the instrumentality of the Prohibition law, passed by the State legislature, in response to the prayers of the church, inestimable good has already been realized in several localities within the bounds of this association. Industry has been reformed, crime has been diminished, the morals of the people have been improved, the interests of the church have been enhanced, and thousands of dollars have been saved to the working people of the country, which, in the absence of the prohibitory law, would have been wasted in aleaholic drink.

In view of the hope of the prosperity of our country, and the reclamation of our people from drunkenness, demorilization and ruin, we would recommend to every church in this association tha

they co-operate with every laudable measure, and embrace every legitimate means, to check the evil of intemperance in the land; and that the enterprise be made a special subject of prayer to God for His help and guidance in such measures as will best promote the cause of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. DREW, Chairman.

Letter from Tuscaloosa Association, received and read.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The first great Baptist school had Christ for its teacher, the twelve disciples for pupils, and the most philosophical plan of instruction. In education as in religion, the Great Teacher set us a model of perfection. His plan for converting the world was to train a few pupils by precept and example, and send them forth to teach others. If we succeed, as Baptists, we must imitate Christ; not only in the ordinances, but in his plan of instruction. We must establish and maintain schools of practical instruction, and send those who we educate therein to teach the people around and the nations abroad. All history shows that the Baptist cause has prospered just in proportion as it has been a patron of education. We are now advancing more rapidly in numbers than ever before, never before was there so much attention paid to education.

Spurgeon, in England, does not rely upon his pulpit orations solely; but he has founded and is maintaining a great college which is multiplying his power and influence, and will continue to work thousands of years—it may be—after the gifted and pious orator shall have gone to his reward.

One of the first and probably the greatest of foreign missionaries, (the sainted Luther Rice), was prepared for his work by a collegiate education. His experience in heathen lands convinced him that missions were so dependent upon educated men that colleges must be established, and, returning to America, he devoted his remaining days to founding Columbian College, at Washington City, and in traveling through the South for the purpose of advocating education.

America is now the land of Baptists; and it is a country where our people have been devoted to the cause of education. Brown University, is probably the oldest Baptist college in the United States. Its influence has controlled the New England States and

penetrated all parts of the Union. Madison University, in New York State, Richmond College, in Virginia, Wake Forest, in North Carolina, Furman University, in South Carolina, and Mercer University, in Georgia, have been the great agencies by which our cause has been pushed so rapidly Westward—from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

And to our own colleges, at home, our denomination is greatly indebted for its growth and enlargement.

At the Baptist State Convention, held with Grant's Creek Church, Tuscaloosa county, in the year 1833, the success of the Missionary Baptist cause was apparently hopeless on the first day of the meeting. But, after a night's devotion to prayer, asking wisdom from on high, it was seen that among the causes operating against us, as a denomination, ignorance was the main factor; and the Convention resolved to establish a college for the education of the people. Two Colleges—one male and one female—were afterwards founded at Marion. They have done their work effectively, and have been largely instrumental in making Alabama one of the greatest Baptist States of the South.

The Cahaba Association congratulates itself that these two institutions—the Howard and the Sudson—are located in its territory; and we rejoice to know that they have begun the current academic year under most auspicious circumstances—faculties full and pupils numerous.

Your committee would not close this report without urging upon parents the importance of esteeming education as next to religion; and they should be willing to make any reasonable sacrifice that may be necessary to provide their children with a thorough education. As many as possible should send their sons and daughters to our colleges; and those who cannot afford to pay for an education of such a high grade, may best promote the welfare of their children by employing private teachers who have enjoyed the advantages of a full college course.

Consider the school which our Great Teacher established and instructed. Imitating his example, let us sustain institutions of the highest grade by giving them our patronage, and by laboring to extend their influence. Yes, Education! Upon it depends the welfare of our families and the extension of Christ's kingdom.

J. T. MURFEE.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. P. C. Drew.

Brethren Cain and Jemison from Bethel Association being present were invited to seats with us.

Motion made and adopted that Bro. S. W. Adams be received in this association as a beneficiary of Howard College, and pledges made for that purpose to the amount of two hundred and eleven dollars was read, and the following brethren, B. F. Ellis, P. King, and S. A. Perry, were appointed a committee to collect said pledges.

Report of Missions, by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, read and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee are certain that the best way to arouse dead churches and sleeping Christians is to get them interested in the salvation of other people.

We are certain that the one who prays and gives most for those beyond his own borders will pray and give most for his own people.

We are certain that the pastor, who instructs his people best upon the subject of missions, will be best supported, and have the liveliest church.

We are certain that no pastor has a legitimate excuse for not preaching upon the subject, unless it be found in his want of interest in the cause.

We are certain that now the work of missions cannot be called an experiment.

We are also certain that there are many, who, for the want of instruction and reflection, do not believe that the heathen will be lost without the gospel.

We are certain, moreover, that the contributions from the best informed are not sufficient to indicate any great degree of interest in the subject.

In order to arouse a deeper and more wide-spread interest, we suggest:

1st, That our State Mission Board be requested to furnish gratis, if possible, to every minister applying to the secretary, mission intelligence, in the way of tracts, books, and periodicals; and that the Board make it the duty of its missionaries to extend the circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal.

2nd, That the pastors be urged to frequently present the cause of missions to their people in sermons bristling with facts from the mission field.

3rd. That every such sermon be immediately followed by a collection for missions.

4th. That the pastors urge upon their churches the importance of adopting the plan of quarterly collections and subscriptions.

5th. That the following blank form be used for such quarterly collections:

We, the undersigned, promise to pay the Deacons of — church, on or before the 2nd Sabbath in October, the amounts opposite our names, to be applied by the church to the objects specified in this paper.

Name.	State Mission.	Foreign Mis.	Ministerial Education.
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We append the following condensed report from the State Mission Board:

Forty-one men have been in the employ of the Board during the past year, for the whole or a part of their time, doing a service equal to the continuous labor of one man for  $25\frac{1}{2}$  years; 3,718 sermons and addresses were delivered; 12 churches constituted; 121 baptized; 205 baptized by others in connection with the labors of the missionaries; 100 brought into pastorless churches by letter, and 50 by restoration; 62 Sunday Schools organized; 3,625 religious visits made; 148 preaching stations supplied with the gospel; 4,780 tracts distributed, and 2,500 volumes of religious books sold worth \$1,604 07.

The Foreign Board has church stations in China, Africa, Italy, South America, and Mexico. These have been recruited within the past year by the addition of near a dozen new men and women. 126 were converted and added to the church in foreign lands through the labors of our missionaries. The work has been sustained by the contributions of the churches, and the Board reported to the last Southern Baptist Convention, a surplus of \$3,000 in the treasury. Alabama's part, in these contributions, is not what it should have been.

The Home Mission Board is attempting grand things in New Orleans, and among the Chinese in California; is sending the go

pel to the Indians of the West, and occupying many important points in Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas; and reported at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, 38 missionaries under appointment who labored 1322 weeks; supplied 108 churches and stations; delivered 3,754 sermons and addresses; baptized 119; received 314 by letter; reported 54 schools with 2,215 pupils. After meeting all expenses the Board reports \$6,000 in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. CRUMPTON, Ch'mn.

Report on Foreign Missions, by Rev. G. S. Anderson, read, discussed and adopted.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST.—Only half my time has been given this year to the employ of the State Board. This has been devoted to Newberne and Uniontown, one Sunday per month, each. At both places the truth has been preached, to the best of my ability, to good congregations; and the influence of both churches is being gradually and substantially extended. Some additions by baptism and letter have been made at both places, and others of importance are expected to join soon. At both places Mission Societies are kept up, in which the ladies are doing efficient work. At Newberne, a prayer meeting has been kept up. The house at Uniontown has been plastered, and painted out side. Most of the old parsonage fund will be paid to the church this fall, when the church-building will be put in thorough repairs. These are important business centres, and will, in great measure, affect the religious interests throughout the Canebrake, and should not, therefore, be permitted to languish. We feel that the blessing of the Lord accompanies our work, for which "we thank God and take courage."

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. ANDERSON, Evangelist

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The subject of Sunday Schools is not one of minor consideration, but transcends, in importance, all other auxiliaries of the church. A church without a Sunday School may not be dead, but it is assuredly asleep. Every church should have its Sunday School, embrace all its membership in the

active workings of the school, and make it an "evergreen school," lasting all the year, if possible.

We would recommend, for Sunday School literature,

1st. The publications of the "American Baptist Publication Society," Philadelphia, Penn.: B. Griffith, Secretary.

2nd. "Kind Words," published by S. Boykin, Macon, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted;

G. S. ANDERSON, Ch'mn.

On motion, the apportionment among the churches of last year asked for by the State Board was adopted for the next year.

Antioch, \$15; Bethel, \$25; Bethlehem, \$10; Concord, \$30; Ephesus, \$20; Fellowship, \$50; Friendship, 10; Hopewell, \$50; Harmony, 5; Macedonia, \$10; Mars Hill, \$10; Mt. Pleasant, \$10; Mt. Hebron, \$10; Mt. Zion, \$20; Mt. Gilead, \$15; Macon, \$70; Newberne, \$20; Ocmulgee, \$40; Oak Grove, \$20; Pine Flat, \$20; Pleasant Hill, \$10; Pisgah, \$30; Providence, \$75; Sardis, \$10; Siloam, \$400; Selma, \$350; Union, 15; Uniontown, \$20; Hephzibah, \$10; Medline, \$15; New Hope, \$5.

Report on Religious condition of the Church, read, and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT.—Your committee, to whom was referred a report on the religious condition of the churches, beg leave to report, that from the best information we can obtain there has been some increase of conversion over that reported at our last association, and with the exception of about half a dozen churches there are signs of general progress, and especially in church work, and in the spirit of giving. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. DREW, Ch'mn.

Report on nominations read, and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT.—Your committee beg leave to report, That we would recommend that the next meeting of the Cahaba Association be held with Fellowship church, in Perry county, and that Tuesday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1883, be the time for meeting.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, and Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. C. Cleveland.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HOGUE, Ch'mn.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Crumpton, a colportage fund or Rev. John Dennis fund was taken up and the sum of twenty-six dollars in cash, with eighty-one 80-100 dollars in pledges from the various

members of the association. On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, in Sabbath school mass meeting, with addresses from Rev. P. C. Drew, Bro. King, and Rev. A. M. Perry.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Sabbath School exercises, in mass meeting—addresses by Bros. Porter King, A. M. Perry and P. C. Drew—after which preaching from the stand, by Rev. G. S. Anderson, from 16th chapter, 30th verse of Acts, "Sirs what must I do to be saved;" after which a collection, amounting to about twenty dollars, was taken up for missions.

Motion made and carried that the money collected to-day be turned over to the Home Mission fund.

Report of Finance committee read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. King,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered, to this church and community for their hospitality during our session with them.

Moved that we do now adjourn to meet at Fellowship church, on Tuesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1883.

B. F. ELLIS, Moderator.

J. P. HARRIS, Clerk.

# Finance Report.

## CHURCHES.

			Total
		M'nes	
Church Expenses.			
Pastors' Salary.		75.00	75.00
S. S. Expenses			
S.S. Collections			
Poor.			
Ministerial Education.			
State Missions..			
Home Missions			
Foreign missions			
Antioch, .			
Bethel,			
Bethlehem, .			
Concord. .	4.25	10.00	2.50
Ephesus .			
Fellowship.			
Friendship.			
Harmony			
Hepsibah,			
Hopewell,			
Macedonia,			
Mars Hill,			
Medline, .			
Mt. Pleasant, .			
Mt. Hebron,			
Mt. Gilead, .			
Mt. Zion, .	3.25	10.00	2.00
Macon, .			
New Hope,			
Newberne,			
Ocmulgee, .	1.50	3.50	3.50
Oak Grove,			
Pine Flat, .			
Pleasant Hill,			
Pisgah, .			
Providence,			
Siloam, .			
Selma, .			
Union, .			
Uniontown,			
	14.75	41.50	2.00
			24.70   1289.00
			44.20   9724.16

## Statistical Table of the Churches.



